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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
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I. GENERAL

A. Protests against the U.S. military presence in Okinawa continued throughout the month. Yomitan villagers objected to the intensified use of the U.S. controlled Yomitan auxiliary airfield as a training site. Villagers in other parts of the island protested the building of the Aha Harrier pad and firing of live ammunition by military training units across a prefectural highway. The bureau's Japanese Unit was kept busy providing translations from items and editorials in the Okinawan press. Their efforts were much appreciated by the local U.S. military commanders and the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo.

B. For the new bureau chief and departing Bureau Chief the month of August was filled with meetings and courtesies calls on embassy and military counterparts. Two days were spent in the Tokyo area visiting embassy and military contacts. The new bureau chief attended her first change of command ceremony at Kadena Air Base where Brig. Gen. Ralph T. Browning assumed command for the 313th Air Division from Brig. Gen. Peter D. Robinson on 18 August. Courtesy calls were also paid to Consul General Karl Spence Richardson and Lt. Col. Chris Tragakis, chief, Okinawa Area Field Office, U.S. Forces Japan on 19 August, Capt. Ann Langley, CO, U.S. Naval Hospital, Camp Lester, Maj. Gen. Norman Smith, Okinawa Area Coordinator and Brig. Gen. Robert Johnston, commanding general, Camp Butler on 22 August and Col. George Harley Cdr, 10th Area Support Group, Torii Station, Col. Pat Gamble, CO, 18th CSW, Kadena Air Base, Capt. Alex Konczey, Co, Fleet Activities, and Charles Gibson, DOD Special Representative for Okinawa on 23 August. Calls on Capt Douglas Wills, CO, NSGA Hanza and Mayor Yamauchi, mayor of Yomitan on 24 August rounded out the visits. The new chief was welcomed at a cocktail buffet by U.S. and Japanese counterparts and at a picnic by bureau employees.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Two flash ("Z") messages were filed by the bureau this month. The first, on the resignation of Burmese President Sein Lwin, was monitored on 12 August from a Japanese television program not on our regular coverage. The second, on the death of Pakistani President Ziaul Haq on 17 August, was monitored from XINHUA English. Japanese television later carried a special report on Zia's death which was also processed and filed. The television report was broadcast during our midnight shift when none of our Japanese monitors are normally on duty. One of our Chinese shift supervisors, [redacted] used her Japanese language capability to provide the translation.

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2. The bureau has assumed responsibility for coverage of a new Chinese monthly, DANG JIAN (PARTY BUILDING). Five issues (3-7) were obtained by Hong Kong Bureau and forwarded to us for processing. After selecting several articles for processing here, we passed the journals on to NEAD for further exploitation. Arrangements have been made for the contractor to mail future issues directly to us from Beijing.

3. After reading a XINHUA report that Beijing television was planning to triple its hours of service an attempt was made to monitor these extended transmissions. Several days of effort by our cruising unit and additional information provided by XINHUA led us to conclude that the increased TV transmissions were only available in the Beijing area.

B. Cruising

1. In response to Panama ROSET reporting on a long-observed Russian satellite at 13.5 degrees west believed to be one of a new series of Soviet C-band satellites referred to as "Potok", the bureau reported that it too observes a similar satellite collocated at 80.0 degrees east with the Gorizont 10 satellite. Both satellites -- believed to be Potok 1 and 2 respectively -- are observed to have only one active carrier with unknown modulation at RF 3960 MHz. Reportedly there is a third satellite of this class located 168 degrees west.

2. The bureau observed and reported that the audio for the Moscow television second program (double 1) transmissions carried on the 140.0E and 90.0E had changed from sound-in-sync to a more standard means of transmission on the video signal's subcarrier. This is believed to be the first such change of this nature observed, and possibly indicates the Soviets are finally changing their satellite video transmission system to be more compatible with other international systems.

3. In response to a BBC request, the bureau reported on 26 August negative results in locating a reported test transmission on shortwave of a new Radio and Television Hong Kong (RTHK) broadcast in English and Vietnamese at 0700-1600 GMT. Subsequent cruising checks have now observed that a one-thousand hertz test tone is heard at approximately 1500 GMT for several hours on the reported frequency.

C. Lateral Services

1. The Japanese Unit provided an English-to-Japanese translation of a letter to the vice governor of Okinawa Prefecture for USO, Okinawa Area Office. [redacted] the primary translator for the project, also provided a one page summary of USO and its activities.

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2. At the request of the commanding general at Camp Butler and the commander of the Army's 10th Area Support Group to receive more timely information from the Okinawan press, the bureau began providing them direct electronic filing of items reported.

D. Technical

1. The antenna field project for this fiscal year has been completed. To review, since 1984, 12 of the 14 rhombic antenna curtains, 35 of 56 rhombic antenna poles and pole hardware have been replaced. Also, five of the seven beverage antennas have been completely replaced. If funds become available, next year would see the completion of the rhombic curtains and all of the beverage antennas. Eight more rhombic poles would also be replaced.

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2. The Ramsat dish has been moved approximately 15 feet from its original location. This was done to accommodate the installation of the new 7.5 meter Roset antenna whose coverage angle of the Intel and Chinese satellites would have been blocked by the Ramsat. A hole has been excavated for the pad of the 7.5 meter dish, which is on order from Hong Kong and should arrive in September.

3. A Skylink survey team member visited the bureau from 16-19 August and brought with him the steel platform plans for the roof installation. The plans were reviewed and recommended changes noted. On 24 August three contractors visited the bureau to review the plans and scope of work. When Headquarters returns the plans with the changes, the contractors will provide bids on the work within a week.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. The bureau cookout and picnic provided the setting for announcing superior performance awards for bureau driver [] preventive maintenance worker [] and clerk []. Promotions went to [] who has changed duties from librarian to budget technician and to [] who are now GS-11's.

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2. Cruising Officer [] and family arrived PCS on 12 August.

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3. Regional Engineer [] family completed its PCS move with the arrival of his wife, daughter, three cats and a dog during August.

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4. [] arrived PSC 12 August.

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5. [] departed PCS on 25 August for headquarters TDY before his London Assignment.

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B. Buildings and Grounds

All of the 56 bureau houses have been inventoried for the new computerized housing inventory system. Information on 54 houses has been entered in the database. The bureau will be inventoried next.

IV. VISITORS

To The Bureau:

Capt. John Spinelli and John Romeo, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to discuss housing plans for the GSWK area on 9 August; [] former bureau monitor, on 10 August while on private travel to Okinawa; TDY'ers from the Skylink team and ATO, Manila for consultations 16-18 August; and Mr. Kinjo and Mr. Higa, MLC management office, on 17 August for presentation of MLC awards.

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From The Bureau:

Bureau Chief and former chief [] TDY'ed to Tokyo for consultations with embassy and military counterparts 15-16 August.

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